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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, CASC: AMCITS IN CHILE

SUBJECT: DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 19
ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY-DESIGNATE KISSINGER FROM SENATOR
PROXMIRE:

QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY: TWO ALLEGATIONS HAVE REACHED
ME REGARDING A MR. AND MRS. ADAM SCHESH HELD IN PRISON IN
CHILE THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN WISCONSIN, THERE ARE
TWO REPORTS THAT MR. SCHESH HAS EITHER BEEN QUOTE WORKED
OVER END QUOTE OR QUOTE TORTURED END QUOTE BY THE POLICE
OR MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

SINCE I UNDERSTAND US EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET MADE
PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SCHESH'S, I REQUEST THAT A
RENEWED, ENERGETIC EFFORT BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE
ACCURACY OF THESE ALLEGATIONS.

I WOULD POINT OUT THAT I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE
RELIABILITY OF THESE CHARGES OR HOW THEY HAVE REACHED MY
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CONSTITUENTS IN WISCONSIN ASIDE OF THE GENERAL ATTRIBUTION

THAT THEY CAME FROM LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM
THOSE IN CHILE IN CONTACT WITH THE SCHESH'S.
GIVEN THE GRAVE NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION, I TRUST THAT
THE DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE QUICKLY AND PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE
ASSISTANCE TO THESE US CITIZENS. SINCERELY,
WILLIAM PROXMIRE, U.S.S. END QUOTE

2. REQUEST UPDATED STATUS REPORT ASAP.

3. FYI - THIS CASE AND GENERAL ISSUE OF DETAINEES HAS
GENERATED CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC INQUIRY AND CONGRESSIONAL
ATTENTION. RUSH

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